

TO SINK WELL NEAR TOPEKA IN GAS HUNT

Prospectors Will Not Wait on Results at Overbrook.

Osage County Town Is Filling Up With Strangers.

Drills Progressing Rapidly When Strike Is Made a General Rush Is Expected.

History of Oil Towns Is Likely To Be Repeated.

A new oil well will be sunk much nearer to Topeka, than Overbrook within the next three weeks, according to a statement made this morning by J. W. Nolan, who is in charge of the oil drilling in progress in Osage county. It doesn't make any difference whether oil is found at Overbrook, or not, the new well will be sunk.

Already Overbrook is experiencing a boom and there have been many strangers in the city in the last two weeks than in years. At present the strangers comprise the sharp eyed, well trained oil men who do little talking but a voluminous amount of work. They go into the town, hire an auto and scout the country for leases. Mr. Nolan estimates that 20,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Overbrook have been leased by various concerns.

The Fred Line Oil and Gas company, a local concern, has 4,000 acres leased while the Indian Petroleum Company, a local concern, has leased 10,000 acres. Other companies and individuals have 15,000 acres leased. And from the character of the oil firms represented and taking an open interest in the progress of the drilling at Overbrook, there is every promise that the topography of the oil town surrounding Overbrook strikes the practiced eye of the oil men as promising for oil or gas.

Senator Overfield in the Game.

Senator J. L. Overfield, representing the Cudahy interests, now a part of the big Sinclair syndicate, has announced options on several thousand acres near here. But the oil men, well known Tulsa oil speculators, have men on the ground, Nowata, Oklahoma, and the Sinclair interests, Fred L. Worthington and J. C. Culp of Muskogee, are in the country surrounding Topeka looking for oil.

"Denial is one of the best oil men in the country," said Mr. Nolan.

In the office of the register of deeds seven leases covering 900 to 1,000 acres in Dover township have been recorded. J. F. W. Renker, 301 Lealand street, obtained the leases.

Mr. Nolan states that the drilling at Overbrook is progressing rapidly. At present there is no objection to rival concerns viewing the work but when they begin getting down to where oil should be found a watch will be kept around the derrick day and night.

When oil is found, the rush will begin the rush for leases, the growth of a small city within a night and all other things, good and bad, connected with striking an oil field.

FAVOR PAT CONEY

Topekan Endorsed for G. A. R. Commander in Chief.

State Encampment Elected Officers at Dodge City Today.

Dodge City, May 18.—The state G. A. R. encampment in session here elected the following officers last night.

R. M. Painter, Meade, department commander; W. W. Denison, Topeka, senior vice; J. H. Johnston, Topeka, junior vice; J. A. Arnett, Dodge City, assistant adjutant general; and J. H. McGalligan, Chanute, chaplain.

The members of the council of administration named were J. H. Downing of Hays, state adjutant general, and Charles Harris of Emporia, Mid-South of Iowa and C. A. Meek of Wichita, the retiring commander. The 1917 encampment will be held at St. Paul.

F. H. Coney of Topeka was endorsed as commander in chief and will be supported by the members at the national encampment.

PREACHER WANTS OUT

Possessor of Three Wives Asks Parole From Federal Prison.

Lovejoy, Kan., May 18.—James Morrison Barnell, the former anti-trust minister of Kenosha, Wis., who is serving a sentence of three years at the federal prison here on a white slave charge, was granted parole for a hundred and seven convicts who appealed for a parole to the federal parole board. The board began its hearing today and is receiving the convicts thirty at a time. It may be several days before Barnell's case is reached.

The recommendations of the board are forwarded to the department of justice at Washington for final action. Barnell entered the prison May 25, 1915, after his conviction on charges of having had three wives. He now is employed as a clerk in the prison store.

PLANNING A REUNION

Surviving Members of Capital Guards Invited to Topeka.

The Capital Guards will have a reunion some time this fall. It plans which were formulated at the last meeting of the company materialize. The guards, eleven strong, were called together by the death of James Moore, one of the officers of the old company,

GIVES UP AT LAST

Hazel Estes Confesses She Knew About Robbery.

Knew Sweetheart Was Safe Blower All the Time.

SHE TELLS ALL SHE KNOWS

Tried to Protect Accomplice of Bill Butler.

Heard Men Plan Crime; Tried to Stop Them.

After standing on her rights as a woman and a sweetheart for nearly twenty-four hours, Hazel Estes finally broke down under questioning and told all she knew about the burglary and safe-blowing at the Pritton grocery.

Hazel Estes may be older, but she looks like a seventeen-year-old girl. She was dressed like a schoolgirl with a long braid of hair hanging down her back. Yet she admitted she consorted with safe-blowers and knew it. She is William Butler's sweetheart and it was through her return to Topeka last Saturday that the police were tipped off that Butler was in town.

Nelson Arrested.

In her statement, signed and sworn to, she says Earl Simms and Butler had been blowing some safe in the presence that night; that Butler was drunk and that she and Mrs. Nelson tried to persuade him to drop it, to no avail.

Bennie Nelson has been arrested in connection with the crime and the confession made by Earl Simms and Butler, printed by the State journal. Wednesday tells of his part in the robbery. But all through the statement made by Hazel Estes, an evident attempt to protect Nelson.

"How do you account for the effort to protect Nelson when it is Butler who is blowing some safe in the presence that night; that Butler was drunk and that she and Mrs. Nelson tried to persuade him to drop it, to no avail."

"I think it is because Mrs. Nelson has been good to her," she said. "Mrs. Nelson understands that a good woman and while she must have known the kind of girl Hazel Estes is, she has been kind to her. That is the only reason I can give for her attempt to shield Nelson."

Left to Blow a Safe.

In her statement the Estes girl says that Butler and Simms left the Butler house to blow the safe Nelson went to another room for the purpose of retiring, but she admits she does not know whether or not he went to bed. The police maintain that Nelson was on the ground and took part in the burglary.

Hazel Estes disappeared from Topeka soon after the burglary and by way of Kansas City went to Lincoln, Neb., where she is now residing. She admits that Butler and Simms visited at the Cramer home while she was in Lincoln.

Simms has not yet been placed in jail. Butler is in the county jail and still in the city jail. Butler has indicated that he is a good case comes to trial he will plead guilty.

"I want to talk to Simms," he told an officer. "I want you to get to that man for me. I don't want to talk to him for my sake, but I want to make my case out the county any way."

"As far as near as he has come to saying he will enter a plea of guilty. The confession of Hazel Estes, which makes the case against Butler still stronger, is as follows:

"Hazel E. Estes, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, upon oath deposes and says:

"That on Thursday evening the eighth day of April, 1916, some time before midnight, Earl Simms came to Bill Butler's house at 127 Adams street. Soon after Simms came they went to the safe in the room where safe, no safe was mentioned but it was some safe. Bill Butler was drunk and that she and Mrs. Nelson tried to persuade him to drop it, to no avail."

"Butler was drunk and would not listen to them. When they returned to the room where the safe was, they made woken up and dressed soon after they came in and they went into the room where the safe was. Butler was drunk and would not listen to them."

"The beginning of the war was at the end of the Napoleonic wars," declared the speaker, "and the people of Europe hoped for a United States of Europe. Prince Metetrich of Austria opposed the plan and by the time the war broke out, the continental Europe as a strange democracy and continue nationalism with its alternating periods of peace and war. He made the United States of Europe impossible but the United States of America, then in its infancy has grown and become the most powerful nation in the world."

"The war was found to follow such principles as the one that everything that contributes to the power of the state is morally right and that the first duty of the state is growth and conquest. Great Britain seizes neutral ships and destroys or confiscates their cargoes saying England must rule the seas at all hazards. A nation cannot be expected to commit suicide."

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"She arrived here and stayed with her sister Sunday night and Monday she went over to Butler's home with him. Tuesday she saw Butler. Tuesday afternoon two men in firemen's uniforms came to Butler's house to inspect for gas or bad fumes or something and they found Butler in the bedroom. She does not know whether he was hiding or not. Further, affiant says not."

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FOR CUMMINS, HER NATIVE SON, OF COURSE

Iowa Republicans "Sit Down" on Healey.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., May 18.—At the Republican state convention here Robert Healey of Webster county, an over zealous friend of Colonel Roosevelt, attempted the impossible, namely, to over-ride the prevailing sentiment of the convention for his favorite son, Senator Albert B. Cummins.

Healey declared this to be a time for the party to choose the strongest man and characterized Roosevelt as the man. The convention of course would not offend Senator Cummins and his warm friends and consequently "sat down" on Healey.

Healey was naturally and decidedly out of order and immediately afterwards the convention voted, standing and cheering, a resolution endorsing Senator Albert Cummins for the presidency.

LYNCH CONVICTED

American Found Guilty of Being in Revolt.

Not Known What Sentence Was Imposed on Him.

London, May 18.—Jeremiah Lynch of New York has been tried and convicted by a court martial in Dublin on a charge of participating in the Irish rebellion. The sentence was to be promulgated today but no word has been received by American embassy here as to what sentence was imposed.

CONTRACT IS LET

Holy Name Church Will Be Built by L. K. Bowers.

Will Cost \$20,000 and Be Completed in September.

Contract has been let for the erection of the parish building for the Holy Name parish, to be located at Tenth avenue and Clay street. Father M. G. O'Leary, pastor of the church, will be of the combination church and schoolroom type, the church extending throughout the entire two stories, with a schoolroom of which there will be four, accommodating 125 pupils, will be in the basement. The church proper will have a seating capacity of 150 and a gallery and gallery will be included.

It is the intention of the members of the church later to extend the building to include a home for both pastor and sisters.

The entrance to the church proper will be from the Clay street side and the school rooms from Tenth avenue.

The exterior of the building will be of the combination of red brick with Carthage stone.

The cost of the building, which includes plumbing, will be approximately \$20,000. The building is to be completed by September 27.

J. F. Stanton is the architect and L. K. Bowers the contractor.

WAR IS A NEMESIS

It Is on the Trail of Nationalism in Europe.

So Declares A. J. Stout in Peace Day Address.

"Among the Greek divinities Nemesis was the goddess of retributive justice," declared the speaker, "and the people of Europe hoped for a United States of Europe. Prince Metetrich of Austria opposed the plan and by the time the war broke out, the continental Europe as a strange democracy and continue nationalism with its alternating periods of peace and war. He made the United States of Europe impossible but the United States of America, then in its infancy has grown and become the most powerful nation in the world."

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BETTER BUTTER!

S. C. Pettit, Treasurer of Beatrice Creamery to Rotary.

Interesting Tale of the Manufacture of "Meadow Gold."

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DEATHS AND FUNERALS

SARAH ALAWAY, age 80, died last night at her home, five miles northwest of Topeka. The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon at Bethel church. Interment in Bethel cemetery.

ANDREW J. LUE, The funeral will be held at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon at Bethel church. Interment in Bethel cemetery.

MISS SAMANTHA BLOOM. The funeral was held this afternoon at the home, 700 Highland avenue. The body will be taken to Greenwood, Ind., for interment.

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LOCAL NEWS

The D. C. club of the Y. W. C. A. will give a comedy this evening at the association building. "Too Much Eobly," a modern American comedy will be presented by the following cast: Miss Grace Chitwood, Miss Esther Hanson, Miss Warner, Miss Myrtle Coulter, Miss Dottie Meek and Miss Goldie Meek.

Call 1377, Howard, for proper mower sharpening.—Adv.

The girls of the Washburn Y. W. C. A. will hold an Estes Park hike. The purpose of the hike is to maintain interest in the annual Estes Park summer conference which is attended by hundreds of Kansas Y. W. C. A. members.

Visit the Arbor. 504 Kan. Ave.—Adv.

Physically exhausted as a result of overwork, Frank Calkins, for a number of years chief clerk to the superintendent of shops in Topeka, has been laid up for several weeks. Much of his short rest. His condition is not believed to be serious and he expects to return to his desk following a short rest.

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